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CAN THEY RECONSIDER?

Upon the adoption of the amendment to the convention bill in the senate yesterday, and the subsequent passage of the bill thus amended, a question arose as to the power of the senate to reconsider the bill another time—say to day. President Lester intimated that his ruling upon that point would be favorable to the motion to reconsider, for the reason that the amendment came in upon the reconsideration as an original engrossment and by its adoption reinstated the whole measure as passed upon the same footing as if this was the bill's first passage; and, therefore, rendered it subject to another reconsideration.

The side of the senate favoring the amendment contend the opposite and say that the incorporation of the amendment as an integral part of the bill did not so far reopen the subject-matter, after readoption as amended, as to permit a second reconsideration.

The will turn upon the authenticity of parliamentary law and their construction. So far as we can at this moment discover, the weight of authority in Barclay's Digest is in favor of the position taken by the president of the senate, Barclay, under the title of "Motion to Reconsider," on page 190 of his Digest, gives this rule:

"Where a motion to reconsider has been once put and decided, it is not in order to repeat the motion. But it is otherwise where an amendment has been adopted since the first reconsideration."

By the rule quoted the convention bill is clearly subject to a reconsideration by the senate at its option. But if this rule is to be construed with a subsequent one, as follows:

"According to the uniform practice, where a motion to reconsider has been passed in the affirmative, the question immediately recurs unless the question reconsidered is in itself different in shape."

If the bill, used the question reconsidered in the case yesterday can not be again reconsidered, how can the amendment made a part thereof be reconsidered? The question as it now stands is not divisible—the bill proper and the amendment have become welded into one question by their adoption as such under the reconsideration of yesterday.

The issue which may arise upon this subject to-day is one of construction of parliamentary law, and there may be authority for holding that the amendment adopted yesterday, having been defeated on Thursday, came in as a new proposition yesterday and reinstated the whole matter as though it had never been passed upon. President Lester will doubtless certify whatever position he may take with such satisfactory authority.

So far as the question itself is concerned, we believe the position of those who favor the amendment is correct, and the bill has reached a finality.

It is to be hoped that this position is correct, and that those who have championed with this success the right of the people to define their sentiments upon this important question may triumph in their efforts to give their constituents the benefits of the bill in its present shape.

**THE LUNATIC ASYLUM.**

The report of the joint committee of the general assembly was destined to indicate the condition and wants of the state lunatic asylum, is an exceedingly interesting document, and as successive as it is interesting. The fact that the asylum is entirely too small to accommodate a large number of insane persons who now await vacancies is dwelt upon with considerable emphasis.

In many portions of the state, and it is a fact not at all creditable, to the liberality of the common wealth, there are now incarcerated in the common jails of the counties many persons whose mental condition is such as to make them dangerous, and who are thus confined because of the arguments of a so called economy that is simply penuriousness. The general assembly has persistently refused to make an appropriation for the purpose of enlarging the institution—not only that it might accommodate all the unfortunate in the state, but that the lunatics and the idiots might be confined in different divisions. Nor is this all; not only are insane persons now languishing in the county prisons—a species of confinement that aggravates their disease a thousandfold—but it is estimated that there are more than four hundred insane persons unprovided for. The committee recommend an appropriation of \$12,000 for the improvement of the asylum, but we have no idea that this amount is at all adequate.

In alluding to and somewhat sharply criticizing the neglect by which the recent fire in the asylum was allowed to occur, occasioning a loss of \$9,000, the committee suggest that the state either furnish a steam fire engine to be used in such an emergency, or that the institution be protected by insurance. This is a rather curious alternative, and the question arises, who would insure the unfortunate inmates?

Upon the whole, the report of the committee, as we have said, is suggestive, and we cordially commend it to the concurrence of our legislators.

An insane man in the southern part of the state is laboring under the impression that he is a member of some radical returning board, and he gives plausibility to the delusion by telling any number of lies and then proposing to swear to them.

The New York papers all make it a point to write one editorial a week on the slang of salutations. It is to be hoped that they will shortly print a few energetic articles on the cream of life.

The friends of free government should not feel discouraged. Sam Bard has not faltered in his democracy since the election—at least not that we have heard of.

Tilden is counted in there are thousands of white-headed carpet-baggers who will have to take in washing for a living. They have taken in everything.

A MEMBER of the Tennessee legislature says he voted for the dog law under a misapprehension. He thought it was in favor of more dogs.

An editorial editor west writes to believe that Tilden is elected unless from his wife's mother's uncle keeps a restaurant in Wash-

WAITING FOR THE VETO.

We are waiting, as we write, for the veto, almost as one whose life hangs upon the result; for the fatal fifteen can name a president who was not elected by the people. Such an act would be acquiesced in, but it would destroy the very essence of our institutions, leaving the republic an old hulk that no one would battle for.

While we are waiting for the news, let us look over the exchanges that have come to hand, for the purpose of seeing how they regard the decision of the commission as to the admission of further evidence. The New York Herald intimated that his ruling upon that point would be favorable to the motion to reconsider, for the reason that the amendment came in upon the reconsideration as an original engrossment and by its adoption reinstated the whole measure as passed upon the same footing as if this was the bill's first passage; and, therefore, rendered it subject to another reconsideration.

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"The CONVENTION QUESTIONS AND THE BLADE OF JUBA."

We are in trouble—in deep trouble. The Macroe Telegraph, through one of its editors, (whether the champion of crab-grass culture or the savior of Sunbury we are at a loss to determine) accuses us of carrying concealed weapons. This is an offense against the laws of Georgia, a crime so heinous that the chief judges of the state are required to situate the offender for it in capital punishment.

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The Cincinnati Enquirer considers their obediency to their partisan predictions as the most unfavorable indication involved in the decision; for, it adds, the decision does not determine the presidency unless the party vote is a preface to the votes to follow. After stating that the whole question is really before the commission, the Enquirer concludes with the belief that when the commission weighs the facts which are before it in the balance "the Hayes and will kick the beam."

The Louisville Courier-Journal thinks the decision does not afford cause for either status or depression. The commission steps into the shoes of the joint convention. The latter could not take this step without incurring the wrath of Georgia, a crime so heinous that the chief judges of the state are required to situate the offender for it in capital punishment.

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The Nashville Banner is still hopeful, although it thinks Tilden's sole chance is now based on the Oregon dispute.

The Knoxville Tribune thinks the court may have rendered the introduction of further evidence unnecessary. Parson Brownlow's Chronicle thinks Hayes is as good as inaugurated. It fully chances over the partisan vote. The Charles News and Courier advises the people to hold themselves in readiness to hear with equanimity and accept with cheerfulness the verdict of the commission, no matter which of the candidates it shall declare to be president.

We do not believe it possible that the majority of such a tribunal can fail to decide that Mr. Tilden has been honestly elected; but if the event should show that we are master of the white house under circumstances much more favorable for himself and for the country than if he had been declared president by the leaders of his party without such an endorsement as the commission may give him.

The foregoing views taken from journals published in either section and representing either party, may safely be accepted as the views or the country on Friday morning, upon the situation.

The papers are full of accounts of ineligible electors. These are not worthy of consideration. Duplex returns are necessary in order to sustain a case to the commission. The case of Humphreys of Florida, Watts of Oregon, and possibly that of Solace of Vermont will be heard and decided by the commission. To throw out any one of the votes of the other ninety and nine electors requires, by the terms of the electoral bill, the concurrent action of both houses of congress.

No such action can be taken in the case of Tilden, who has been elected. Mr. Tilden will therefore retain his 184 votes. Will Hayes be allowed the votes of Humphreys, Watts and Solace—three men who were notoriously disqualified for holding the office of elector?

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